

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 31, 2003 (Paper No. 4). Claims 1 to 38 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 24 and 38 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 8, 10, 23, 24, 27 to 30 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,233,252 (Barker); and the remaining claims were rejected under § 103(a) over Barker or Barker in view of various ones of the following: U.S. Patent 6,151,696 (Miller); U.S. Patent 5,619,649 (Kovnat); U.S. Patent 5,862,223 (Walker); and U.S. Patent 5,940,504 (Griswold). Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

The invention concerns accumulation of a document folder sent from a sending device, the document folder being accumulated at a destination location selected based on data provided by the recipient of the folder. The data includes information with regard to the destination location for the recipient.

By virtue of the foregoing, even though accumulation might be performed by a network entity other than the recipient, the recipient is able to designate the destination for accumulation. For example, and referring to a representative embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figure 2, a recipient may be notified of a sent document folder by providing an indirect reference to the document folder, whereafter a destination location is selected for the document folder using data provided by the recipient. The sent document folder is accumulated at the destination.

The applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest the foregoing arrangement, particularly as regards an accumulation of a document folder which is sent from a sending device at a destination location selected based on data provided by the recipient, the data including information with regard to the destination location for the recipient.

Barker, for example, concerns fragmentation of a large data file with transmission of the fragments to remote location 17. At the remote location, the fragments are reassembled into the original data file. Barker does not permit its recipients to designate a destination location. As a consequence, Barker is unrelated to the present invention which accumulates a document folder at a destination location selected based on data provided by the recipients.

Miller (over which claims like Claims 2 through 4 were rejected) describes a system in which a file is sent directly from a server to a client. This is unlike the invention, in which a document folder is accumulated at a destination location selected based on data provided by the recipient. Instead, Miller's system sends data continuously from the server to the client using a handshaking protocol in which while the data is being sent, the client sends negative acknowledgments which show that a particular packet needs re-sending. It is Applicants' understanding that such acknowledgments constitute virtually all the information sent from the client to the server.

The patents to Kovnat, Walker and Griswold have all been reviewed, but are not seen to add anything to the above-noted deficiencies in Barker and Miller. In particular, these patents are not seen to add anything to the failure of Barker and Miller to disclose or reasonably to suggest an accumulation of a document folder sent from a sending

device at a destination location selected based on data provided by a recipient, the data including information with regard to the destination location for the recipient.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims herein define subject matter that is neither anticipated nor would have been obvious from the applied art, and allowance of the claims herein is respectfully requested.

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